

In the claims:

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6. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising

a nose piece comprising

a body portion;

a first hollow tube protruding out from the body portion; and

a second hollow tube protruding out from the body portion;

a first device for attaching the first and second hollow tubes to an individual's head;

wherein a first end of the first hollow tube can be inserted into a first nostril of an individual;

wherein a first end of the second hollow tube can be inserted into a second nostril of the individual;

wherein air can flow through the first hollow tube into the first nostril and through the second hollow tube into the second nostril;

wherein the nose piece is further comprised of a flap portion; and

wherein the nose piece is configured so that the nose piece can be attached to the individual's head so that the flap portion does not touch a nose of the individual but touches skin between the nose and an upper lip of the individual, while at the same time the first end of the first hollow tube is inserted into the first nostril and the first end of the second hollow tube is inserted into the second nostril; and

~~wherein the apparatus can be attached to the individual's head so that the apparatus does not extend substantially beyond a region;~~

~~wherein the region lies vertically between the top of the individual's forehead and the individual's upper lip and the region lies horizontally between a left eye and a right eye of the individual.~~

7. (original) The apparatus of claim 6 further comprising

an adhesive strip for taping the flap portion of the nose piece to the individual.

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19. (currently amended) A method comprising the steps of

- attaching first and second hollow tubes to an individual's head;
- inserting a first end of the first hollow tube into a first nostril of an individual;
- and inserting a first end of the second hollow tube into a second nostril of the individual;
- and wherein the first and second hollow tubes protrude out from a body portion of a nose piece and wherein the first and second hollow tubes are attached to the individual's head through the nose piece, which is attached at or near the upper lip of the individual; and
- wherein the nose piece includes a flap portion; and
- wherein the nose piece is configured so that the nose piece can be attached to the individual's head so that the flap portion does not touch a nose of the individual but touches skin between the nose and an upper lip of the individual, while at the same time the first end of the first hollow tube is inserted into the first nostril and the first end of the second hollow tube is

inserted into the second nostril; and

wherein the nose piece is attached so that the nose piece does not extend substantially beyond a region; and

wherein the region lies vertically between the top of the individual's forehead and the individual's upper lip and the region lies horizontally between a left eye and a right eye of the individual.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 19 wherein

the nose piece is attached by an adhesive, which adheres the flap portion of the nose piece to the individual at or near an upper lip of the individual; and

wherein the flap portion does not extend beyond the region.

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30. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein
the flap portion is flexible.

31. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 30 wherein
the flap portion is comprised of a pliable synthetic polymer.

32. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 31 wherein
the pliable synthetic polymer is comprised of polyvinyl chloride and silicone rubber.

33. (currently amended) An apparatus for use in supplying air to an individual comprising
a first device;
a second device;
a means for attaching the first device to an individual's forehead;
a means for attaching the second device to an area at or near the individual's upper lip;
first and second hollow tubes connected to the second device, wherein the first and
second hollow tubes have first and second ends, respectively, which can be inserted into first and
second nostrils, respectively, of an individual;
wherein the first device is connected to the second device so that air can flow from the first

device to the second device and to the first and second hollow tubes;

wherein the means for attaching the first device does not circle a head of the individual in order to attach the first device; and

wherein the means for attaching the second device does not circle the head of the individual in order to attach the second device;

wherein the apparatus can be attached so that the apparatus does not extend substantially beyond a region;

wherein the region lies vertically between the top of the individual's forehead and the individual's upper lip and the region lies horizontally between a left eye and a right eye of the individual; and

wherein the first device can be attached substantially parallel to the face of the individual, within the region, and to the forehead of the individual, while at the same time a first section of the second device is attached substantially parallel to the face, to an area at or near the individual's upper lip, and within the region, while at the same time, a second section of the second device is substantially perpendicular to the face and within the region, and a third section of the second device is substantially parallel to the forehead and within the region.

34. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 33 wherein

the means for attaching the first device is located substantially only at or near the individual's forehead, and within the region; and

and the means for attaching the second device is located substantially only at or near the individual's upper lip, and within the region;

and wherein the first, second, and third sections of the second device are flexible.